

Millcreek Community Methodist Church  
4570 Lockwood Boulevard  
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# The Beat Newsletter

"Love Works Here" July 2023

**Millcreek Community  
is now part of the  
new Global  
Methodist Church!**



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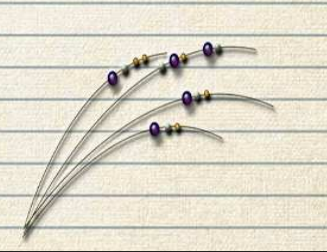
M-W-F 9am - 2pm

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*A Note From The  
Pastor...*



Throughout history, there has always been a remnant of God's people who have remained faithful and obedient to the Scriptures. The book of Nehemiah tells a story of a faithful remnant, hard work, and new beginnings, and it brings us hope as we celebrate our new identity as the Millcreek Community Methodist Church. God is good, and if the temple walls of Jerusalem were able to be rebuilt in 52 days in the days of Nehemiah, certainly we can be encouraged and find strength to accomplish what God has asked us to do for His glory at Millcreek in 2023 and beyond. God was pleased with Nehemiah and the others involved in rebuilding the temple, but not for the reason we might expect. Certainly, God was pleased that they had rebuilt the temple, but He was even more pleased that they yearned to hear Him speak through the Scriptures. God did speak, and God's people heard and then sought forgiveness and restoration for their sinful ways. A revival soon followed.

Today, a growing number of those living in the 21<sup>st</sup> century believe that the Bible is passé and out of date, no longer relevant for today. On the few occasions they do turn to the Scriptures, they don't expect to hear God speak. Surprisingly enough, the people in Nehemiah's day tended to believe the same thing. The Scriptures were little more than words on a scroll until the day they gathered as one people expecting and desiring to hear God's voice. It wasn't until they began to expect to hear God speak that they became a changed people. What keeps us from expecting to hear God speak? What is it that might keep us from growing in our faith?

There are many possibilities. Some of us just do not know how to begin, others do not make it a priority, and still others think they are all done growing! Trying to become more faithful without depending upon the Holy Spirit and the church to help is like trying to get your car unstuck from a snowdrift without calling a tow truck. More often than not, you will spin your wheels and ruin your transmission. If you want to learn how to sew, ask a modiste (look it up!) to show you how. If you want to learn how to fix cars or cook a gourmet meal, ask a mechanic or a chef. If you want to become more faithful to Jesus, get involved in one of the small groups at Millcreek. Holy Grounds Cafe, our mission team, our music team, and Wednesday Bible study are all great places to start. When we expect to hear God's voice when we read or hear others read the Scriptures, God will not disappoint us. That is true even when it is one of those passages we have heard many times in the past or one with names and places we cannot pronounce. When we desire to hear, understand, and believe God's Word, God will speak, and we will grow in our faith and our (His) church will grow stronger. When that happens God will be pleased.....and so will we. Let us see how pleased we can be! Pastor Greg

# Announcements

## SUNDAY

9am Holy Grounds Café  
10:30am Worship



## WEDNESDAY

11am Pastor's  
Bible Study

## THURSDAY EVENINGS

Music Team Practice - @ 6:30pm

## LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING

Tuesday July 11th @ 5:30pm



Call any prayer requests to  
Barb Childs (330-360-6796) or  
Mary Lois Floyd (330-782-7683)



Join us for *live* worship  
at 10:30am on our website  
[www.millcreek.church](http://www.millcreek.church)

.Pastor Calko is available for visits. He can be reached at  
[pastorgreg@millcreek.church](mailto:pastorgreg@millcreek.church) or by phone at 330-782-0573.

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## Millcreek Community Leadership Team Meeting June 13, 2023 @ 5:30pm

Present: Pastor Greg, Barb Hubler, Susie Justice, Diane Redfern, Hope Sabanick, Elaine Williams

Pastor opened with reading "He Understands" from Songs of Zion and words from Apostle Paul. Minutes were approved from last meeting. No old business.

### **Treasurer/Finance:**

Gain of \$5,000+  
Giving was up by \$2,500  
New account was opened for Missions, and new operating account will be opened  
Excess funds used for advertising?  
Quitclaim deed needs to be signed by conference  
New paperwork for incorporation to be reviewed by leadership  
New apportionment based on income; 3% Allegheny West, 1% GMC (Top of 5% until General Conference. Our apportionments will decrease by approx 70%  
Compensation for Elaine beginning in July

### **Missions/Outreach & Vision:**

#### June Missions:

Someplace Safe  
Samaritan Purse (Ukraine)  
A Place to Call Home  
Banes, Cuba Church  
Father's Day – cupcakes  
GMC celebration: T-shirts, etc in July or August following worship

### **Disaffiliation:**

Pastor Greg's statement about disaffiliation read from WFMJ

### **Building & Grounds/Maintenance:**

Brooke to clean while Tay is on vacation  
Steve to get quotes for parking lot  
Tables in Fellowship Hall were repaired  
Light in handicapped restroom?  
Change sign outside  
Covers for hymnals?

### **Worship:**

Elaine & Norman need LED lights

Meeting closed. Next Leadership Meeting July 11, 2023 at 5:30pm.



# PRAYER REQUESTS

Bert Pharis  
Cheri Blackann  
Harriet Case  
Jim Lottier  
Kenny Charity & Family

Marge Whitacre  
Marilynn Makar  
P. Mae White  
Quincy Penn  
Richard Bland  
Sidney Wylie  
Mark Boston  
Eleanor Harris  
Barb Childs



**Barb Zautner**  
Morningside House of Ellicott City  
5330 Dorsey Hall Drive, Rm 312  
Ellicott City, Maryland 21042

**Shirley Stauffer**  
Humility House  
755 Ohltown Rd, Rm 37B  
Austintown, OH 44515

**Gloria Finkley**

**Margaret Whitacre**  
Briarfield Manor  
461 S. Canfield-Niles Rd., Rm 317  
Austintown, OH 44515

**Marilynn Makar**  
Humility House  
755 Ohltown Rd., Rm 20B  
Austintown, OH 44515

**Quincy Penn**  
Canfield Place  
2300 Canfield Rd., Rm 118  
Youngstown, OH 44511



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

2nd - Michael Grace  
5th - Sue Kirkland &  
William Stilson  
8th - Harriet Case  
9th - Rev. Lester Wilson  
10th - Jennifer Ferone  
13th - Linda Williams  
18th - Dawn Crosby  
19th - Shirley Stauffer &  
Cheryl Viola  
29th - Kari Hubler



**Come One - Come All**  
**Enjoy our July FREE**  
**Community Drive-thru Dinner!**

**SATURDAY**

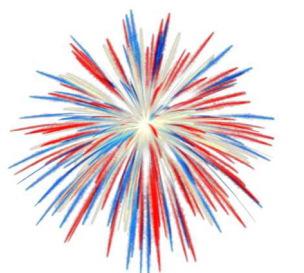
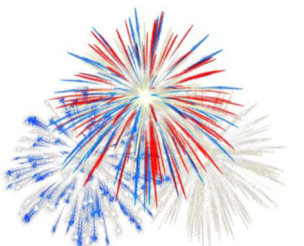
**July 15th**

**4 - 5:30pm**



## **MENU**

- . Angus Beef Burgers**
- . Famous Baked Beans**
- . Corn on the Cob**
- . Cake**



**Special Surprise in Every Box!**

*Donations thankfully accepted*

# Mission Moments

## Mission Control? Out of Control!

Our June Missions reached out to different parts of the World.



Helping young men and women (18-24 years old) get settled in life once foster care has ended.

We sent \$200 each for a total of \$400.



Their mission is to strengthen, empower and enrich the lives of individuals and families.

A check for \$400 was sent to Someplace Safe.

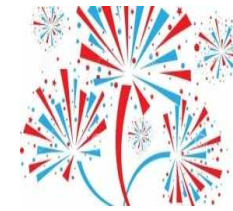


Sending help to the people of Ukraine in the amount of \$400.

Banes Methodist Church - Cuba

We continue to help in the construction of their church. We also help them in having a "Free Community Dinner" for their neighbors. \$500

## July Missions



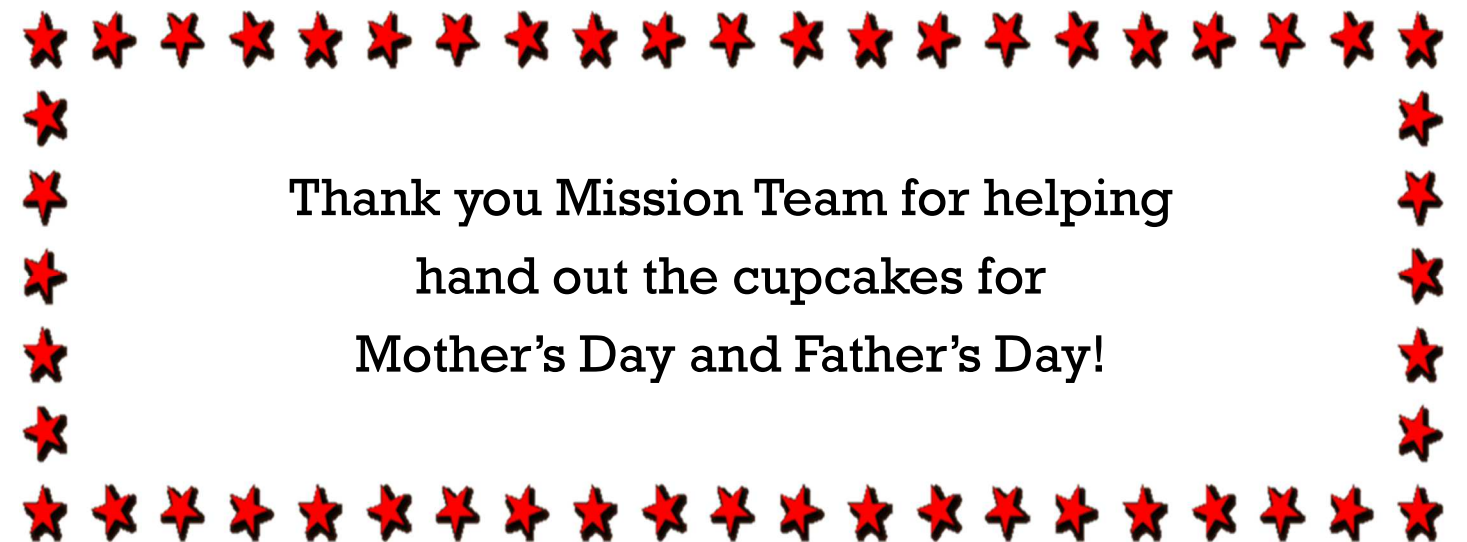
- ♦ The Mission Team will continue its support of the Banes Methodist Church in Cuba.
- ♦ July Free Community Dinner

Let us praise God who is in heaven for letting His Light shine from Millcreek Community Methodist Church to our neighbors near and far away. So we certainly can believe we are "Mission Control" because the Light of Jesus is brighter than our own.

We can carry His Light to those in need; a source of comfort and strength. Do you believe we can let our light shine in this world from Millcreek Community Methodist? I believe we have and will continue to do so.

Walk with me down this path that Jesus is leading us...we can walk in His Light together.

*Mission Control,  
Susie J*



Thank you Mission Team for helping  
hand out the cupcakes for  
Mother's Day and Father's Day!

*"What we are is God's gift to us.  
What we become is our gift to God."*